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calves steady, all sold. Veals, \$4.50@8.50; little onlyes, \$4; barnyard calves, \$364; Westerns, \$4; sity dressed veals steady at 9@121/20 per 1b. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 4.913; 6 cars on sale. Sheep steady; lambs firm to a shade higher; two cars unsold. Sheep, \$263.65; culls, \$1.50; lambs, \$4.5065.80. No Canada lambs.

Hogs—Receipts, 6.615. One car on sale. Feeling teady. No sales reported.

SERVIAN POLITICS DISTURBED BE-CAUSE THERE IS NO HEIR.

Lose His Throne Unless Queen

W. E. Curtis's Belgrade Letter in Chicago The political crisis in Servia just now is ings, laid out parks, built an opera house due to the lack of a baby. The country is and an art gallery, all of which were exexcited by intrigues attending the selection of an heir to the throne. Our guide sagaciously observed that "some people complain of having too many children, but this is the first time I ever heard of na- karageorgovitch, a son of the national

important factor in European politics, being one of the "buffer states" between Russia and the lands that the Czar covets. Austrian and German influence is stronger in Servia to-day than Russlan, yet there is interest of a family whose ancestors once to recover power. These conspiracies are more frequent than ever just now, and the field for intrigue is the more fertile because Queen Draga has not furnished an heir to the crown, and the doctors say that she is not likely to do so. It therefore war if he should suddenly die or be driven him a safe and prudent sovereign. He was i believing that they would meet and solve

tween the Obrenovitch and the Karageorgovitch families.

Michael made a good King. He was lib-

eral, just, progressive and introduced many george. He built a fine system of roads and highways, erected several good public buildcellent thirgs in their way, but cost money. ideas" and drove Michael from power, electing as King in his place Alexander continued the policy of public improvements Servia is a little country, but it is an | begun by Michael, encouraging the arts and industries. During his reign Servia enjoyed peace for several years and made rapid progress, but the dissatisfied element soon began agitations again, and, encouraged by the partisans of the Obrenovitch family, obtained control of the Parliament, which depolicy, and was worse than ever.

MICHAEL RETURNS TO POWER. Upon the death of Milos, Michael again came into power. During his exile he had traveled much, had studied the art of government in several of the European capibecomes necessary to select a successor tals, had learned foreign languages and

Karageorge to the throne, he hired an as- shall never reach the stage of a report assin named Veichto to murder his un- from committee. As the report is bound suspecting rival while asleep in the shep-nerd's hut he occupied in the mountains. to be-adverse and in some instances could ficing nature. My affection for him and not fail to carry a stinging rebuke the faith and confidence in him always seemed Thus began the feud between the descend- members prefer to spare the feelings of the to be reciprocated, to the extent that there ants of the two men, which continues to the beneficiaries and so desire silence and wel- was never an unpleasant word passed bepresent day, and the history of Servia is come death and oblivion for the ill begot- tween us, and the history of his adminisittle more than a recital of the rivalries be- ten measures. Many a senator or repre- tration, his Cabinet, and his associations sentative goes so far as to visit the commit- with public men, so entirely free from intee to which certain of his bills have been | trigue or base selfishness, I think will be a Milos finally succeeded in reaching the referred and make a special request that splendid example to the youth of the comthrone, and, being a man of very different | they shall be ignored. He then gets the | ing generations. There was nothing in the disposition from Karageorge, ruled as an credit with his constituents of introducing expression of his face or manner denoting autocrat until he was compelled to abdicate | their bills, and is able to send them word | exultation over his victory when it was by an outraged people and was succeeded that in spite of his loyal efforts their announced that he was elected President. He seemed to realize fully the sacred remonth later, and his brother Michael was | One chairman of a Senate committee hav- sponsibilities placed upon him, and the ing jurisdiction of this class of legislation quiet dignity and self-possession which came back for the short session with blood in his eye. "My committee calendar is modern improvements into Servia, besides | fairly swamped with claims," said he, "and | carrying on the reforms begun by Kara- I am going to roll up my sleeves this win-

ter and clear it.' He plunged in bodily, overhauling the papers in each case and sending to the inquiry if he had any more evidence to The peasants, who have always ruled Ser-ia, objected to what they called "German then retired in a demoralized condition. then retired in a demoralized condition "The only response I have thus far had," said he, "to any of my appeals for more proofs has been of the same nature as this." And he held out a scrawl he had tional politics being disturbed by the lack | tion in the Servian army, was modest, quiet | just received from a brother senator; and reserved. In an unostentatious way he Yours at hand. Have you really reached that d-d fraud? Bury it in a pigeon hole and don't let it get out."

WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

manded Alexander's abdication, and called sion of the circulating medium would a Russian party which also represents the back old Milos, who had been in exile in make better times-under such conditions Austria. He reigned for two years, until he | it is not strange that we found in the Redied, and it was good for the country that | publican ranks an uncertainty as to what occupied the throne, and are all the time his life was not prolonged, for he labored course to pursue. It became evident that suspected of being engaged in a conspiracy | under the delusion that his recall was a the work before us was a campaign of vindication of his previous autocratic education of great magnitude, the results of which must necessarily be slow to ac-

STRONG FAITH IN THE PEOPLE. If there were any dark days in the campaign, it was during the earlier weeks of the work. It was at that time that William McKinley in his conversation with us to King Alexander in order to avoid a foreign affairs, and this education and ob- showed his buoyant spirit and his strong probable row and perhaps revolution and servation, with his natural abilities, made faith in the common people of the country,



SENATOR MARCUS A. HANNA.

from the palace. By selecting the heir altogether the best ruler Servia has ever the question right, and indorse the princiapparent in advance future conspiracies | had, but there were continued conspiracies | ples which were to bring relief to all. He may be avoided, but the political interests | against him by partisans of the Kara- | insisted that all that was necessary was to nent are directly involved in the selection, the Parliament, they removed Michael by fect of the principles advocated by both

brief career is disgusting. He looks as if he | Peter Karageorgovitch as King simul- | cated that the people were reading, thinkhad escaped from an asylum for the de- | taneously with the announcement of | ing and determining conclusions for thempraved, but is by no means feeble of mind | Michael's death, but their carriage broke | selves. They were beginning to see where or body. On the contrary, he has a vigorous | down on their way back to Belgrade and | their interests were at stake. All this was constitution, and on two or three occasions | the news of their crime preceded them. | the confirmation of William McKinley's has shown a nerve and power of command | The minister of war took prompt action, | faith in the people, and it was a joy of his Unfortunately he has inherited some of the | in the dungeon of the citadel. depravity of his father, the late King Milan, who was probably the worst ruler Europe has seen for a generation, but at were convicted of complicity and put to the same time the son possesses a physical death, but there was no direct evidence faith of the people in him than merely in and moral courage that Milan never dis- against Peter, who then, as now, was living the choice of himself as President of the

SERVIAN HISTORY.

To understand the situation in Servia it is necessary to know a little of the history furnishing a sensation for Europe, and the story of the feud between two peasant familles, which has been the cause of most of the trouble. At the beginning of the presand was governed by a just and humane pasha named Hadji Mustapha. He was not him up in the citadel and put him to death. ooked upon as a leader. Thousands were who escaped to the mountains was a swineherd .named George Petrovitch (George the son of Peter), better known to history by his nickname, Kara (Black) George, because of his dark complexion and raven hair. He is the greatest hero of Servian history, and to him his country owes its independence from the Turks. He was a reticent man and generally respected, but was absolutely illiterate, being inable to read or write, and could not even sign his name. When he became King he used a peculiar cipher or rubric to show his approval of state papers. But he had natural ability and sagacity. His integrity was never questioned and his sense of justice was Spartan. He allowed his own brother to suffer the death penalty as an example to others for defying the authority of the government. While King of Servia he wore the ordinary peasant's garb, because he ance and simple character than a crown and robe of state, and he lived with the same frugality as when he was tending his pigs in the mountains, often cooking his own meals in the palace kitchen.

Karageorge drove out the Turks and organized a liberal monarchy in Servia. Keenappreciating his own deficiencies, the irst thing he did was to establish a free public school system in every province, with a university at Belgrade. He introduced courts of justice, reduced taxation, organized the different branches of the government with the skill of an experienced statesman; but the people were not able to advance at his rapid pace and he suffered the fate of many men who have been ahead of their generation. His enemies encompassed him about, and his critics interfered with his plans for the improvement of the forms he abdicated the crown after a reign of nine years. He was the founder of the Karageorgovitch family, which is one of

the parties to a perpetual feud for the control of Servia. MILOS OBREN.

His rival, the founder of the other faction, cous enough to need one he adopted that of his master, and the first of the present reigning house of Servia became known as

Belgrade, and the Turkish pasha who invaded the country and captured the city apcointed him governor of the province. This honor excited his ambition and jealousy,

and the question is, Shall Russia name the assassination. He was murdered in the parties.

eral members of the Karageorge family quietly at Lucenre, Switzerland, engaged in United States. This was the subject that, scientific pursuits. His late wife, Zorka, was | in after years, we often talked about, and a daughter of the reigning prince of Monte- it was a beautiful thing to me to see how negro, and he has two sons in the Russian | much he realized and appreciated the conarmy. He is now an old man, but, like Don | fidence which had come to him as a result of this interesting country, which is always | Carlos of Spain and the Duke of Orleans of | of his abiding faith in the people. If there France, is a recognized "pretender," and had been no other motive, this was the his name is always used by the outs as a great incentive for him to use all the power

The national assembly placed Milan IV ent century Servia was a Turkish province | While getting his education in Paris he had | fill their expectations. the Russian army, was compelled to leave They explained to the Sultan that he had him and was finally granted a divorce. of the Christians. The Janissaries had their of the Servian court for a dozen years own way for four or five years, and, fear- during the reign of Milan furnished gosing an uprising of the people, decided to sip for all Europe and finally enervated by beautiful death, which was so characterismurder every man who could possibly be dissipation and despised by his subjects tic of his career, is one almost unequaled and all decent people, he abdicated in in history. He has won the admiration, massacred; every town and village in 1889 in favor of his son Alexander, a lad love and respect of all classes of his own Servia flowed with blood. Among those of thirteen, who is now King of Servia.

This precoclous youth, when not more than fifteen years old, fell under the fasciis an ambitious and brilliant woman, gifted with considerable beauty, and the daughter of a cattle dealer in Belgrade named Lunjeengineer in the Servian army, who obtained a divorce from her because of her scandalbegan when he was a mere boy, and since that time she has resided in the palace and has absolutely controlled him. His mother, the Dowager Queen Natalie, attempted to bring the boy to his senses and break off the relations, but Mme. Draga had more influence than the mother, and actually comselled the latter to leave the palace and Kingdom of Servia. Natalie is now residing at Biarritz, very much respected and beloved by many people, although she made herself unhappy and excited much hostility among the Servian politicians by her sympathy with Russia and her desire to bring Servia within the Russian influence. What- ness and politics, I have never ever may have been said of her political imprudence, her character has never been

with her youthful lover, although she was nearly twice his age, but her aspirations have been stubbornly opposed by the ministers of state and the leading politicians of Servia. After the abdiction of his father, Prince Alexander, during his minority, ruled the country through three regents, all venerable and patriotic men, but it became necessary for Draga to get rid of them for her own safety and the success of her schemes. She found the young King a willing tool, and one night, when he was only seventeen years old, he they sat at dinner they were arrested upon a charge of treason and thrown into prison, while he proclaimed himself King. This coup d'etat was successful, for the army admired the audacity of the youngster and sustained him. He has since married his mistress, and she remains as influential as ever, the most interesting

and conspicuous figure in Servian politics. Private Bills in the Senate.

The great mass of the private bills introduced are of no merit whatever, as is proved when a committee takes a fancy to and in that one sweet last remembrance poke into them and ascertain on what was a rich reward for the years of devoproofs they rest. This is perfectly well tion which it had always been my pleasure known-or can easily become known-to the | to give him. men who introduce the measures, and the It is difficult for me to express the exfact will account for the anxiety sometimes | tent of the love and respect which I, in and, fearing a popular movement to recall noticed among members that their bills common with many others, felt for him

of a great part of the European conti- george family, and, being unable to control make them understand the cause and ef-

garden of his country palace. It was the | It was during the middle stage of the King Alexander is a degenerate, and his intention of the conspirators to proclaim campaign that the results coming in indiarrested the assassins and locked them up | heart to feel that he could read aright the signs of the times and that the end would The plot proved to be widespread. Sev- justify his faith in the final judgment of

the people. shibboleth when they are trying to raise and talent with which he had been en-

on the throne and in 1869 he was crowned. | secrated the best efforts of his life to fulacquired habits of luxury, gambling and dissipation which unfitted him for the re- years of executive life gave me further oponly popular, but was beloved by his Christest country like Servia. His love of fore, the great reserve force which he postian subjects, and the land was peaceful pleasure, his low tastes, reckless extrava- sessed. He seems to have met every emerand prosperous. The Janissaries, however, gance and selfish disposition were his ruin. gency, and the unusual problems and anefforts to protect the inhabitants against lost his private fortune at cards. His wife, | masterful way. These conditions furnished their extortions and cruelties, so they shut Natalie Keskho, daughter of a colonel in the opportunity for him to demonstrate his been untrue to the Turks and was a friend | Their domestic troubles and the scandals | full measure of every situation, and over-

people, and of all nations.

opened the campaign for him in 1895 that seemed to fit the situation, and that was the claim that he was the "logical candilate." In the first place, he marked out for himself a distinctive political career. He had spent every energy and used every est and best interests of his people, inspired always by patriotic impulse, with sincerity never questioned. His election mere gratification of a selfish political amhere to show that his ambitions never sprang from selfish motives-in speaking about some of the methods adopted in contests for the nomination, "There are some things, Mark, I would not do and cannot do, even to become President of the United States," and it was my impression at that time that he himself had little thought or idea that he would ever be nominated for

GOOD NATURE AND EQUIPOSE. A great deal has been said about his proverbial good nature. He had that, and in every emergency. In all my career, in busiweighed carefully, although there were spond quickly, without apparently the slightest delay. In all those thirty years of sion, never heard him utter one word of what I would call resentment, tinged with was again reflected in the story of the assassination told by Mr. Milburn, who said that he could never forget the picture in could express it, "Why should you do And then when the assassin was nurled to the ground, when the fury and indignation of the people had begun to assert itself. he said with almost saintly compassion: "Don't let them hurt him." I know of nothing in all history that can ing of this noble life. One of the sweetest consolations that come to me is the memory that on Tuesday, preceding his death, ne asked to see a newspaper, and when he Mark here?"

"Yes, Mr. President," was the response,

of an appreciation of his noble, self-sacrimarked the man then and in days after were just what his personal friends expected of him. The first day I greeted him after he was inaugurated at the White House, in the course of our conversation, inadvertently called him "major" and "Governor." and when I stopped to correct myself, he would say. "Each one is fitting; I'm not particular which.' We were both of Scotch-Irish descent, more direct descent than I, but it is the Scotch and I had the Irish of the com-

FAKE MEXICAN LOTTERY.

Two Men in Chicago Said to Be Getting \$5,000 a Month from It.

Chicago Post. At many small cigar store, barber's shops, and saloons in the city "fake" lottery tickets are being sold, and two men who are engineering the fraud are reaping a rich harvest. Doing business under the name of the "Mexican National Lottery Company," no difficulty is experienced in cleaning up several thousands of dollars each

Because there are only two men in the scheme and no efforts are made to go outside of the city little danger is run of embarrassing entanglements with postal authorities. One man prints the tickets, irawing lists, and necessary prospectus matter. It is the duty of his partner to engage agents, pay them liberally, and give up a few dollars in certain districts as bait. Little difficulty is met in hiring agents, as from 30 to 50 per cent. of the gross receipts are offered in compensation. Lottery games are, of course, illegal in the United States, but this particular game is even more pernicious if possible than one that is run according to representations, as buyers of tickets are deliberately fleeced. The drawings as announced each month are a

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Drawings are announced to take place monthly at the City of Mexico, but in reality they take place in the dingy Chicago printing office, where the numbers of winners are carefully selected. So much care is exercised that the public never gets more than \$100 or \$200, and this is distributed throughout the city with discretion, so that the players may not become discouraged. The drawing lists look official, and are signed, in print, of course, by men purporting to be Mexican officials. They also assert that the company is protected by the Mexican government Consul Felipe Berriozabal, who represents Mexico in Chicago, never heard of the company before information and the names of the two Chicago men running it were placed

local police," said he. "Mexico is a long way from Chicago, and the general public knows little of that country. The result is that at times fake propositions are foisted on it. I know of only one lottery company that has a charter from the Mexican government to do business, and I never heard of the men who sign these drawing lists as residents of the City of Mexico." The men who are fleecing the people out I distribute candy eggs and other trifles. of their money in this city clean up on an average \$5,000 a month. Of this amount, it | from the presents, is small-not more than feed means.

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the bluff that drawings are held each but opposites in disposition. He was of a | it is estimated several thousands of extra | them than turkey. They often choose it, ught from our dispositions that he had | who are trying their luck to see if they can strike some money for the holidays. Besides this company there are said to be two others selling lottery tickets in the city. The majority of tickets sold bring an average of 50 cents and the work is carried

on in outlying districts.

ONE CHRISTMAS FEAST. Woman Entertains Fifty

Guests for \$20. New York Tribune.

Giving a dinner to fifty poor children in one's home sounds like a big undertaking. Few householders, indeed, have ever considered the feasibility of feeding such large number of waifs at one time, and fewer still understand that a dinner of this sort is one of the easiest and least ex- er, "and by that means I have induced pensive ways of doing good in allopathic

There is one society woman, though, in New York, who has found it out. In her ppinion dinner giving of this particular order is superior to any other known variety of banquet in the pleasure it gives all round, and in its far-reaching results. "Feeding them is the least important feature of the entertainment," she said yesterday. "You cannot imagine how much my small guests appreciate being entertained in a private house, instead of a hired hall, and I know that in their case | whether the palate and stomach want it the effect of an environment of refinement, or not. Especially is this the case when ogether with courteous attention, even for o short a time, is wonderfully lasting. Children are impressionable little beings." "Where do you get your guests?" asked a

"I go to one of the large East Side misfore Christmas or the day after, whichat Thanksgiving and again in Easter week. My guests are different each time, "A mission worker accompanies the chil-

dren to my house and takes them back again to the quarter in which they live. They come in at the front door and leave their wraps at the rear end of the hall before going down to the front basement, where the dinner is spread on two long tables reaching from end to end of the

"The mission worker helps my servants wait on the tables and preserve order "After they have eaten their fill the children come trooping upstairs into my dining room at the rear of the drawing room, where I greet them and chat with them awhile before opening the folding doors on the other side of which at Christmas time is a blg tree dressed with lighted candles and trinkets, and containing a little present for every child. "The delight of the little girls and their efforts to be as polite as their surroundings warrant are charming to see, and give me more pleasure than anything else connected with the Christmas holidays. At Thanksgiving I give them a Punch and

month. This month the drawing is sched- have a wonderful respect and liking for uled to come off just before Christmas, and | beefsteak; that it is more of a novelty to dollars will be taken from men and boys in fact, when given a preference, therefore I make beefsteak the piece de resistance of these dinners. "Here is an itemized bill of my last din-

ner, which speaks for itself." The bill reads thus: Oysters, 8 quarts..... \$2.0

Milk, 10 quarts..... Beefsteak, 15 pounds,.... Sweet potatoes, 100...... 1.0 Soda crackers, 7 pounds.....

Bread, 4 loaves..... Butter, 4 pounds..... Ice cream, 6 quarts..... Car fares.....

"I always ask a few of my own friends

in to see the children," concluded the speak-

some of them to follow my example." BOLTING YOUR FOOD.

A Habit Which Has All Sorts of Evil Consequences.

If you do not look out, you will get into the habit of swallowing your food per force-cramming or washing it down you are in a hurry-and most people nowadays generally are. The consequence is that food arrives in

the stomach one-half or one-fourth chewed. and almost entirely unmasticated. For masticating does not wholly consist sions and ask for fifty little girls (so far of chewing, by any means. Hygienists haven't had the courage to take boys) | maintain that each mouthful should not as posible by the teeth, but held in the ever suits me best, and I do the same thing | mouth until it is thoroughly mixed with the juices which come to it in tiny jets

from the action of the jaws. "Nonsense!" say many people at such an assertion and then go on their way and have indigestion and dyspepsia and various other diseases, which are anything but nonsense-but prove serious enough to claim their very frequent attention. "But I only have about so long a time to eat, and can't take enough to sustain life in the way you suggest," says some one. Well, perhaps you had better use a little more time to eat and a little less for something else of not so much importance. Perhaps you are eating too much, anyhow. It may be that a good share of what you are swallowing goes toward crippling life instead of maintaining it. You are not an ostrich, and indigestible substances in the stomach are simply dead weight. And if you can get along with a third or a fourth part as much food as you at present devour and be all the better for it, where's the harm ?-"But I enjoy my food, and I want all I want of it," says some one else. Do you enjoy it thoroughly? Would you extract

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